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WHEAT TAKES AND LER TUMBLE ON THE CHICAGO BOARD.

The New York Stock Market Unsettled by the Appointment of a Receiver for the New England Company- a Brop in General Electric-The Close

Generally Firm. Stock Pointers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- Wheat dropped I cent to Gricago, 18c, 37. We next dropped real of fay, and made a new low price record for May (64% cents), on the financial troubles in the cast and Bradarect's report of an increase in the visible supply. Corn acted independently, and lost but 1% cent. Oats were about steady. The trading was light, and the price fluctuated within arange of halfs cent, finally closing unchanged. Provisions were slightly higher all around. The market opened steady and became strong on light hog re-relpts and covering by shorts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. Speculation on the stock exchange today was feverish and unstock exchange tonsy was feerest an absentiled. The market opened generally firm, with the exception of New England, which declined \$5 per cent, and Louisville, which was 134 per cent lower on a report that the company will declare no dividend. In the early dealings the general list at vacced a small fraction. Shortly after 19:15 o'clock speculation became heavy and the list declined his tion became heavy, and the list declined has be per cent, but this was quickly followed by a rally of happer cent in the granger shares. New England was sold very heavily on reports of the projected receivership. The stock up to it o'clock had declined 3% per cent from the opening. Speculation was quite strong in tone from H o'clock to noon, notably in the grangers. New England recovered 56 per cent. At noon the dealings were on a moder

nie scale, but the tone was fairly strong. After mid-day the pressure to sell became very pronounced in General Electric and a break of 65 per cent was made before the bottom was reached. The depression was due to reports that a plan was being formed for the reorganization of the company. Sales to cover caused a rally of 134 per cent in the fi-mal dealings, leaving the net loss on the day's transactions 2% per cent. National Cordage. on small purchases, rose 3% per cent, the moving influence being the success of the reorganization scheme and reports of the ter mination of important law suits. In the late dealings a reaction of B5 and a recovery of b per cent ensued. The preferred shares ad vanced 34 per cent. The market generally riosed firm.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Wheat, casy, No. 2 spring, December, 1959c; May, 64% Corn, caster; No. 2 December, 344; May, 385a. Oats, steady; No. 2 December, 344; May, 385a. Oats, steady; No. 2 December, 58c; May, 385a. Oats, steady; No. 2 December, 58c; May, 58c; Mac, 1970k, oasy; January, 812.46; May, 812.55. Lard, casy; January, 89.56; May, 812.55. Lard, casy; January, 86.56; May, 86.254; Sugar, unchanged; Out load, 5.46c; granulated, 4.70c; Standard A, 4.60c; Butter, dull; creameries, 50a.55; darries, 17a.52c. Eggs, dull; strictly fresh, 21a.25c.

19037; davres, Raffe, Eggs, dull; strictly fresh, 21a22c. Receipts Wheat, 118,000 bushels, corn, 488, 100 bushels; oats, 325,000 bushels. Shipments— Wheat, 10 900 bushels; corn, 425,000 bushels; bats, 231,000 bushels.

Kansas City Grain and Produce.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.— Wheat, Isale lower: No. 2 hard, 56c; No. 2 red. 325c. Corn, Isalie Lower: No. 2 mixed, 25a254c; No. 2 white, 25cga. 255gc. Octs, slow and steady: No. 2 mixed, 25a25c; No. 2 white, 25a25c, Gyc, steady; No. 2, 9c. Flaxseel, irregular; Si Bal 23. Bran, weak; 66a6c. Hay, very dull-and weak; timothy. S 50a6 06, prairie, S. 60a6 06. Butter, dull and weak; creamery, 25a25c; dairy; fealfer, Eggs, quiet; 19c.

Batter, diff and West, 190.
Beater, Egrs, quiet, 190.
Receipts - Wheat, 110,000 bushels; corn, 1,000
Inishels; outs, ..., bushels, Shipments—
Wheat, 5,000 bushels; corn, ..., bushels;
hts, ..., bushels,

St. Louis Gram and Produce.

St. Louis, Dec. 27. Wheat lower cash, 5056c; becomber, 5654c; January, 565c; May, 615c; own, cash, higher, 325c; options, weak, December, 325c; January, 325c; May, 345c; ats, very dulk cash, 25ac bid; December, 25c; it; May, 365c; bid, Pork, better, jobbing, 13-25. Land, nominal; \$8.00. Ryc, firm, 47c, arisy, active; lowa, 5005bc, Bran, weak; also, and the second section of the second secon St. Louis Grain and Produce. Te. Others unchanged. Receipts—Wheat, 14,000 bushels; corn, 134,000 bushels; oats. 15,000 bushels. Shipments— Wheat, 65,000 bushels; corn, 256,000 bushels; rats, 35,000 bushels.

New York Produce and Money.

New York, Doc. 27.—Coffee, spot Rio, firm; No. 7. 185,a185,6. Sugar: refined, steady; cut loaf, aai 3-16c; powdered, 5 7-16a55,c; granulated, 4 3-16a56,c. Cutton; spot, dull; middling uplands, 7 13-16c; middling Gulf, 8 1-16c, 1-16c lower.

Money on call, casy; closed I per cent, Prime paper, 35,a55, per cent, Exchange, dull and weak; 34 855,a184 for exity-day bills; 34 85a 4 864 for demand bills; 34 88-34 for commercial bills.

Silver certificates, 66-5c, lastbid.

Total sales of stocks, 349,560 shares, including 6,300 of Atchiron.

Poston, Dec. 7. Atchison railways, 13%, Nav Sun, Ans. Dec. 27 — Cotton quiet: mid-ding, 84c. low middling, 63c; good ordi-nary, 64c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

KANNAS CITY Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,200; shipments, 3,200; market steady; Texas electes \$2,604,00; shipping steers, \$4,003,50; Texas and native cows, \$1,550,50; butcher's stock, \$2,864,15; stockers and feeders, \$2,56 no.50. Heavy, packing and mixed, \$4,000; shipments, 1,000; market steady to \$c higher; bulk, \$5,000,5 no.50, heavy, packing and mixed, \$4,000,50; bulk, \$1,000, bulk, \$1,000, bulk, \$1,000, bulk, \$2,000,50; bulk, \$2,000,500; shipments, 1,500; market slow and weak.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 27. CATTLE—Receipts, 1800; shipments, 280; market firm; instive steers, \$3 00at 50; cows and heifers, \$2 10at 25; heavy and fed from steers, \$3 10th 36; grass Texas steers, \$2 20at 15; cows, \$1 20at 30; HGGS—Receipts, \$80; shipments, 400; market a shade off; tep, \$5 30at 50; bulk, \$5 0045 20; SHEEP—Receipts, 30a; shipments, ..., market steady; mixed analyses, \$2 30at 50; good mutatus would bring \$3 50 and above.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—CATTLE Receipts, 13,000; shipments, ... market slow and weak, but unchanged; top price, \$1 00a5 50; fair to good, \$4 50a4 90; others, \$3 7aa4 25. HOGS cood, 84 Stat 197 others, 85 Jan 25. HOGS— Receipts, 1970b; shipments, ..., market, the lower, rough, mixed and packers, 84 99. 5 40 heavy and but her's weights, \$4 36a5 or, prime light, \$5 30a5 35. SHELP AND LAMBS— Receipts, 11,000; shipments, ..., in better demand and stromger; top theep, \$3 30a5 75; top lambs, \$4 90a4 75.

WIGHITA MARKETS

Wichitts, Dec. 27. CATTLE

Market about steady on all grades.

The quotations here presented are to gifte shipper an idea of the general range Native shipping steers, good to extra \$4 00a4 25 Good to extra rative burder steers 400 to 120 pounds. 3 50a3 75 Native feeding steers, 200 to 1050 pounds 25 00a3 25 | pounds | 7 00a3 25 |
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Choice cows and herives	2 25a3 00
Fair to good cows and helfers	1 0ba2 25
Sulls and stags (fat)	1 75a2 25
Rulls and stags (feeders)	1 20a1 75
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REPRESENTATIVE NALES.

The following are the representative sales of cattle at the yards today: 5 heifers ... 700 2 00 | 1 canner -- 1 35 noos

Market strong to loc ligher. Not enough coming in to meet the wants of order buyers. REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

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SHILL P. Good stock sheep, \$0 to 100 pounds. . \$3 Ma3 50 Good stack ewes, 30 to 80 pounds. . 2 Ma3 00 Good to extra wethers, 75 to 85 pounds 2 00a3 00 Good to extra lambs. 1 00a5 00 Potatoes Colorado, 55c, Eggs. 19c. Butter-First creamery, 25c; second creamery, 20c; other grades, 10a15c. Chickens Hens, 5c per pound; roosters, 2c, turkeys, 65cc; ducks, full feathered, 5c; spring chickens (2) pounds and over per dozen), 5c.

Loral Grain and Feed Market. Wheat—No. 2, 43c. Corn, 35a35c. Oats, 24a 25c. Baied hay, \$6 00a7 00. Grownd corn, 75a 85c. Corn and Oats mixed, 96c. Bran, 60c. Wichita Breaderuff Murket.

Flour-Best patent, \$1 70; second patent, \$1 50. Wichits Produce and Fruit.

Wichita Produce and Fruit.

Lemons, per box, \$4 50. Oranges, per box, \$2 50a3 25. Bananas, per bunch, \$1 75a2 50; Onions(red and yellow), per 100 pounds, \$2 25 Spanish, per crate, \$1 35. Cabbage: California, per 100 pounds, \$2 25. Cabbage: California, per 100 pounds, \$2 25. capturents, per 100 pounds, \$2 25. Cabbage: California, per bushel, 50c. Parmips, per bushel, 75c. Grapes (Malaga) \$6 25a 50. Figs (fou. crown), per box, 15c. Honey: Col. F. W. comb, 15c; California, Halbe: extracted, 8c Coccanuts, per loop pounds, \$5 25. Peanuts, 54 abc. Walnuts (California), He- Cranberries: bell and cherry, \$6 00. fancy bell bugies, \$7 00. Sauerkraut, per half barrel, \$3 50; per barrel, \$6 50.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

-Conflagration in small stores, causing almost total destruction have for year puzzled the insurance companies of Chicago. It has leaked out that these fires have been the work of "firebugs." Pigs' bladders, filled with ben zine, were scattered over each store, and exploded with a time fuse.

-The flower badges of nations are as follows: Athens, violet; Canada, sugar maple; Egypt, lotus; England, rose; France, fleur-de-lis (lily); Florence, gigilo (lily): Germany, corn-flower; Ireland, shamrock leaf; Italy, lily: Prussia, linden; Saxony, migno nette; Scotland, thistle; Spain, pome grate; Wales, leek leaf.

Jeanette Emory, a negress, of Fort Worth, Tex., celebrated her 106th birthday recently. She never saw George Washington, which marks her as out of the common run of centenarians, but she distinctly remembers that, when she was twelve years old she heard her young mistress talking THE FIFTY-FIRST TIME

ton's funeral. -One of the bureaus of the treasury department received a document last week in which a claimant's name wa spelled in two ways. The office sent word to the claimant that he must make an affidavit as to the correct spelling. On Wednesday the affidavit came. The claimant spells his name in one way in the body of the paper and signs it in another. -Washington Capitol.

-Now that the casualties of the Louisiana storm have been footed up it is found that only fifty-three of the 2,008 victims were negroes. The Acadians, whom Longfellow immortalized in "Evangeline," outnumbered all other races, but there was a large admixture of Austrians, Creoles. Islingues, Italians, Manillamen, Chinese and Spaniards in the list of the

-An amateur student of architecture finds that many of the pillars that beautify old doorways in New York are made in absolutely faultless proportion secording to classic models. It is just this regard for right proportion that gives these pillars their peculiar charm, though ninety-nine men out of one hundred who should feel the defect of a disproportioned pillar could not say wherein lay the disproportion.

-"They don't call me a trunk juggler any more," the baggagemaster said as he laid his hand upon the han-dre of the topmost of the pile of trunks stacked up against the side of the car; "they call me now a professor of trunkology;" and as he spoke he pulled the trunk from the pile, swung it once around his head like an Indian club, and fired it through the open door of the car-a trunk expert, indeed.

The abounding faith in human ture shown by the women who projected and managed the creche in the children's building at the world's fair, where babies were checked and cared for while the owners saw the sights, just as wraps were checked in another part of the building, was entirely vin-dicated. Cynical people said the creche would wind up at the close of business with a plenty of material for starting a foundling hospital. But more than 10,000 babies were cared for during the fair season, and but one of the number was abandoned by the person who

checked it at the creche. -Warburton Pike, a hunter and explorer, who recently returned from Nanaimo, B. C., from a fifteen months' trip to the interior of Alaska, brought a poor opinion and account of the country he passed through. He followed the Dease river to its junction with the Willard, a tributary of the Mackenzie, explored the Pelly river country, following the river to its source, paddled down the Lewis river to the Yukon, and finally went down the Kuskokium river to the coast, near Fort Alexander. He had very fine hunting, but says most of the country he traversed is worthless, except for hunting, and much of it is of no value at all. He found a great many mining camps that were abandoned except by men too poor to leave.

-On November 29, 1775, the congress resolved, "That a committee of five be oppointed for the sole purpose of coresponding with our friends in Great Britain, Ireland and other parts of the world, and that they lay their correspondence before congress when directed, and that all expenses that might arise by carrying on such correspondence, and for the payment of such agents as the committee might send on this service, should be defrayed by congress." This was the germ of our state department, and the initial step in our foreign diplomacy. The members chosen were Benjamin Harrison, Dr. Franklin, Thomas Johnson, John Dickinson and John Jay. A correspondence vas immediately opened with Mr. Arthur Lee in London and Mr. C. W. Dumas (a Swiss gentleman), residing

-Never does a man know the force that is in him till some mighty affection or grief has humanized the soul -J. W. Robertson.

-Unless one could cure men of being fools it is to no purpose to cure them of any folly, as it is only making room for

some other. - Horace Walpole. A New England weather profit pre diets that next summer will be a very hot one. He is what we call a calamity howler at long range. - Dallas News.

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ARITHMETIC.

oldays 'twas arithmetic That often made me sad; The dreadful row of figures dream That simply wouldn't add! The algebra, if anything, Had greater power to vex, For a, and b, and c, and d,

And now, a sober housewife grown, That troublous algebra Seems easy in the light of sums I wrestle with to-day; A money minus, and a plus

Of growing wants, refuse to balance as I want them to, But equal what they choose It makes deep wrinkles on our brow And brings gray hairs to view, This problem—how a dollar bill Can do the work of two:

For turn and twist it as we may, Becoming sleepless wrecks, The answer—ah, how many times It fails to equal x! The doctors may talk learnedly, And settle as they please, About the many victims claimed By this or that disease;

Per cent of people sick, Are suffering from the sad complains

-Ella Lyle, in Good Housekeeping

How "Billie's" Poetry Brought Success to a Good Cause.

Jack and Billie Cobden went to the same school. Being brother and sister, one would suppose that they might occasionally walk home together, at least at lunch time.

But in the first place neither of the children wasted much time in walking, since running was so much more easy and natural, and it seated them so much the sooner at the dinner-table. In the second place, though Billie was amiably enough inclined to Jack's company, Jack much preferred to go with the other boys.

Billie's baptismal name was Belinda, but it was too formal for ordinary use and did not accord congenially with her short red hair and her somewhat boyish appearance and manner of speach. To Billie herself the full name "Be linda" had so often prefaced some sentence of banishment from the schoolroom, the tea-table or the family circle, that its associations were of a gloomy character. She thought "Billie" an essentially feminine name, and never heard a boy called by that appellation without a shock of surprise.

She was about a year younger than Jack. Out of school hours she and he were on excellent terms with each other. On this particular day, although two minutes past noon saw them separately speeding their inde-pendent ways home, they happened to meet on their own block. Billie shouted companionably:

"Hi, Jack! wait for me; I-I-I want to ask you something!"

everybody on that block knew them to be related, so that it was no use pretending to be strangers.

"Um-um," mumbled Billie, casting about for something to ask, "um-say -do you think Dora will have dinner

"Not much! Is it ever ready?" "Pretty seldom. But I say, will father be home, or is this the day he has to stay at the office?"

"No such luck; he'll be home." "Jack Cobden, that's your father you're talking of," said Belinds, virtuously, but she spoiled the reproof by grinning admiringly. "Did you think I was talking of Tom

Taylor's father?" snapped Jack. By this time they were at their ow garden. They entered it by hurling themselves against the gate, which

gave way for want of a latch. The garden was large and neglected, as the duty of watering it fell alternately to Billie and Jack, who were each every day so sure that it was the other's turn to water that the beds were generally, as now, baked to clay. In California, where these two lived, the rain waters gardens at but one period in a year, and so the Cobdens' flowers suffered.

"Da-da, Dack! Da-da, Billie!" shrieked

a baby's welcoming voice.
"Where are you, Little Pitcher?" "Am!" responded the shrick.

The children raced obediently to the back stoop, where the yellow-haired baby stood, and they greeted her with rapturous kisses. Their next greeting, just as rapturous, was bestowed upon Bones, an ungainly black dog, who barked madly, for his nature was emotional

Bones and Little Pitcher proclaimed to the neighborhood, in the heartiness of their welcome, the return of the Cobdens from school. The shricking, barking, talking quartette swarmed voraciously into the kitchen, where an untidy table was but half-set, and where a distressed, pretty girl was hurriedly frying some food upon a red-hot, spat-

tered stove. "Dinner not ready yet, Dora?" wailed Billie. The surprise in her face could not have been greater if the pain of the situation had arisen from its novel-

"Not quite, Billie," replied Dora, gathering a new wrinkle of worry as she remembered that the dish she wanted for the chops was still among the unwashed collection in the sink. "Not quite! Well, I like that. It's always not quite!" bawled Jack, seiz-

ing a roll, and devouring it as if he had not seen food for days. "What have you been doing all morning. Dora?" demanded Billie, also seiz-

ing a roll. "I have been practising," replied Dora, with an attempt at dignity, which was weakened by her starting tears. children, please go play a little while! I will call you when dinner is

ready." It was not very long before she did call them, but it was to a poor meal. and into a hot and dirty kitchen. Not that ther minded much one room was as good as another, provided it held a dinner, and one estable was as good as another, provided there was enough of

In the height of their boisterous and "With my heart in my mouth, I curried towards the hall door. Behind me, bare of hat or wrap, came running Lady Emily, and as we sped to the seaward ramparts a strange sight met our

"The west gate looked upon the shore. By the half-light I could see the tide running in wrathfully. Midway between it and the gate the ugliest of monsters was crawling up the beach. Before it fied a brace of stumbling, screaming fishermen, whose oaths and supplications to the Virgin lent a human horror to the scene.

"The scaly beast was gaunt and black, of awkward gait and lanky build. Great fin-like wings drooped on its wrinkled flanks; smoke came in puffs from its jaws; it gave out a continuous strident jarr-r-r, like the roll of a giant rattleenake. Nearer and nearer the away it rose on its hind legs and clumsily leapt towards us.

"Wonder enough I felt but, strange to say, no fear, and beside me Lady Emily stood fearless also-calm, silent, smiling. But louder grew the threatening jarr-re. The brute was hardly twenty leaps away, when Capt. Vyse abruptly pushed himself beside me. His teeth were set in a look that was more like hate than dread.

"He lifted a rifle, took steady aim, nd just as Lady Emily threw herself, shrisking, against him, he fired.

"The reptile screamed, staggered, fell prone and groveled in the sand. Lady Emily ran towards it, cast her self beside it, tore off the grinning mask and revealed to the gathering crowd the livid features of O'Massey. "If ever I read a face aright I read a

mad delight and sated vengeance in the captain's awful countenance. If ever murder was done in the cowardly guise of seeming misadventure murder was done that day on the poor young Irish squire. Shot through the lung! Such was the tragedy of that hair- remedies failing, I took to baiting

brained farce. "Secretly O'Massey and Lady Emily had planned the masquerade, their foolish joke upon the local superstition; and how the insanely jealous Vyse had divined the plan none now can tell. But there the dead man lay, a bullet in his chest. Misadventure! Though all the coroners in Ireland had called it misadventure, I call it murder, most and many unobservant farmers com

foul and most premeditated!"
"And what of Vyse?" "Died by his own hand a year later in a madhouse." "And Lady Emily?" "Married a Dublin doctor in the end. Did you think she would die single for the sake of O'Massey?"

WHAT VANDERBILT LIKED.

The Doughnuts and Indian Puddings He Had Cooked for Him in Newport. Down in Newport the other day this anecdote of the late William K. derbilt was told: "The husband of a tugging at the careass of a red ant woman, who for many years annually twenty times its own weight, and he nelped the housekeeper at the Vanderbuilt summer house pack the goods which it was intended to take back to the winter home, said he went down to the Vanderbilt place to meet his wife one day, and as he was coming away Mr. Vanderbilt came out on the lawn and stopped him, saying: 'Do you see the timekeepers and bosses direct-know where I can get a good cook for ing this one, or turning another back four weeks? I am going to stay here a four weeks? I am going to stay here a on some errand or to some other duty month longer, and the cook is going to There is not a moment's delay, no halt leave to-morrow. Can't you get me ing feet, no idle hands, but all move as

"Hi, Jack! wait for me; I-I-I want one?"

"I said I didn't know. I would try, and then Mr. Vanderbilt said: 'I don't want any French, fancified cook. I'm industry and perfect government go to be here almost by myself, and I want one who can make old-fashioned things. I've been just longing for some Indian pudding, some doughnuts and cheese, and some brown bread." knew where there was an old cook, and although she had given up the business I got her to go for the month. She said she got orders to cook all old-style things. One day she told me Mr. Vanderbitt sent for her, she went in, and he said: 'Do you know how to make doughnuts? She said she did, and then he said he wished he could have some such as his mother used to make. Since are Then he said he wanted an oldfashioned Indian pudding, with that amber-colored jelly all round the outside of it. He used to invite other elderly men to come to aine with him and would praise it all, and ask them if | than nothing.-Montreal Star.

it didn't make them think of old times. "Said the Newport man: 'One day I met Mr. Vanderbilt again, just as he was about to leave for New York for the winter, and he said: 'I'm much obliged to you for sending me that cook. I have had a good time. I've had the best things to eat that I have known in many a year."-N. Y. Advertiser.

Etiquette of a Practical Sort. A housewife of the East end concluded that the only solution of the servant-girl problem was to teach a green girl herself. She had experience with girls who thought they knew something, with no success. Accordingly she engaged a girl from the country who professed to know nothing, and commenced training her. One of the SURPLUS. new servant's duties was to attend the door, and the lady of the house tried in many ways to impress upon her mind the necessity of taking a tray or salver with her when she answered the bell to receive cards, letters, etc. During the afternoon the bell rang and shortly afterward the servant appeared at her mistress' door, saying: "If you please, ma'am, the regetable man is at the door and wants to know if you want any good potatoes." The lady looked up from her sewing and then rell into a fit of laughter. The servant was standing, as she had been taught, holding the silver tray with three large potatoes on it in the most proper manner. The servant's sense of the fitness of things was evidently undeveloped.-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Engaged on the Spet. Lady of the House (to servant-girl applying for a situation)-You were in he service of my friend, Baroness K. Why were you sent away?

Servant-Please, ma'am, for listening at the doors! Ludy-Ah! then I will take you; only ron must promise to tell me all you heard -Chronique Bourgeoise.

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ANTS IN FLORIDA.

Here of Them There Than in Any Other There are more ants to the square mile in Florida than in any other country in the world, savs a writer in the Savannah News. There are ants which will measure more than half an inch in length, and then there are ants so small that they can scarcely be seen to move with the unaided eye. There are red ants and black ants, and trouble Engraving. move with the unaided eye. There are some ants. But as bad as they are, I have never heard of them eating out the seat of a man's trousers, as a missionary, Rev. Mr. Wilson, once told the writer he saw the army ants doin India

for a few minutes beside him. But the Florida ants will take out the lettuce and other minute seeds from the soil in which they are planted and actually destroy the bed. They will suck the life out of acres of young cucumbers and melon plants, uproot strawberry plants or cover the buds with earth to such an extent as to kill them. They will get into pie, pickle sauce, sirup, sugar, on meat, in hash, will riddle a cake or fill a loaf of baker's bread till it is worthless. All them near their nests with slices of meat, bones, apple and pear parings, and when I had from fifty to onehundred thousand out turned a kettle of boiling water on them. I have killed in one week over one million in the space of a quarter acre lot, and I have almost wiped them out. I had to do this to secure any lettuce plants plain of seedsmen when they should attribute their troubles to insects.

It is very curious and instructive to see how promptly the ants which escape the scalding will go to work taking out the dead, and, after piling them outside first, then go to excavating again and rebuilding their cells and runways. This being done very quickly the next work on hand is the laying in of a supply of food, by haul-ing the dead bodies of the hot-water victims into their storehouses. You may see a small black ant hauling and always succeeds, in the end, in landing it in the warehouse of the colony. Next you may see a sort of ambulance corps searching for the disabled. These are taken carefully to the underground house, where the surgeons and nurses are in waiting. Then, too, you may if it was their last day on earth, and

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

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KIND words are the music of the world.

GREAT minds have wills; feeble ones have wishes. THE manner of giving shows the character of the giver more than the

SINCERITY, deep, great, genuine sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic. IDLENESS is the mother of many wanton children. They that do noth-

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